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WASHINGTON D.C.

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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SUBJECT HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:

DETENTION OF ELENA SEVILLA (213/77/11)

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NOTE FROM THE  
FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS: IN REPLY TO  
YOUR REQUEST REGARDING ELENA SEVILLA:

2. (BEGIN TEXT) THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
WORSHIP PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE  
REQUEST PRESENTED BY UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN MATTHEW  
F. MCHUGH TO VISIT ARGENTINE CITIZEN ELENA SEVILLA VARGAS  
WHO IS BEING HELD UNDER THE DISPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL  
EXECUTIVE POWER BY DECREE NO. 740/76. THE MINISTRY  
WISHES TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT THE ARMY CHIEF  
OF STAFF DENIED THE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION (FOR THE  
VISIT) WHEN THE CASE WAS SUBMITTED TO HIS ATTENTION.  
(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE) (END TEXT).

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3. THE DETENTION OF MS SEVILLA HAS BEEN A CONTINUING TOPIC  
OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN THIS EMBASSY AND OFFICIALS OF THE  
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. A PREVIOUS REQUEST BY A DELEGATION

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FROM THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE TO VISIT MS SEVILLA  
WAS ALSO TURNED DOWN. ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES DID PERMIT THE  
AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL, MR GOODWIN SHAPIRO, TO VISIT HER  
BRIEFLY ON JANUARY 13, 1978 TO DISCUSS THE UNITED STATES RIGHT  
OF OPTION PROCEDURES.

4. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT MS SEVILLAS CASE WILL CONTINUE TO  
RECEIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION HERE AT THE EMBASSY. I WILL  
KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

5. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.

6. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.  
CASTRO.

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